

NBC Reveals Its Mike 'Bugged' Boggs Panel

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The National Broadcasting Co. revealed yesterday that an NBC microphone had been placed under a cushion during a closed meeting of the Democratic National Convention Platform Committee meeting in Chicago.

In a telegram to Rep. Hale Boggs (D-La.), who served as Platform Committee chairman, NBC News President Reuben Frank said he has turned over information on the Aug. 26 microphone incident to the Justice Department.

"Needless to say, NBC intends to take stern disciplinary action against any personnel who acted improperly," Frank said.

The microphone was found when an aide of Boggs brushed against a curtain and discovered the mike taped down under a cushion.

At the time, Boggs interrupted the meeting of the 110-member platform panel in the Sheraton-Blackstone Hotel, ex-

claiming, "Ladies and gentlemen, believe it or not, we've been bugged."

Boggs pointed out yesterday that eavesdropping by electronic devices, except in matters of national security and against organized crime, are violations of Federal and State statutes. "The matter now is for determination by the appropriate Federal and State law enforcement agencies," he said.